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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Request: REQ06649

Thank you for your request for information relating to the Postal Vote Data for the 2019 General Election.

Whilst that there is no statutory obligation to provide this information, to be of assistance, detailed below is your question and as much of the information which is available in response to your question.

I can confirm that Parliamentary Elections are governed by the Representation of the People Act 1983 (The Act) as amended and Coventry City Council must appoint an officer of the council to be the Returning Officer (RO) and the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) which is Martin Reeves, Chief Executive of the Council. Although appointed by the council, the RO and ERO does not carry out the duties or responsibilities of the post on behalf of the Council but in their own appointed capacity. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) does not list any appointed person under the Representation of People Act.

1. How many people were registered to vote by post in your constituency?

The information is below:
Coventry North East – 8,359
Coventry North West – 9,073
Coventry South – 9,010

2. How many postal votes were received?

Coventry North East – 6,492
Coventry North West – 7,412

Coventry South – 7,348

3. How many votes were marked as invalid?

- (a) If you are referring to the number of postal votes rejected at the count (for example for voting for more than one candidate), this information is not held, this is due to the legislation governing elections requiring that the postal ballot papers once verified must be mixed with ballot papers from the polling stations. To ensure that they are not distinguishable from votes cast at polling stations. However the total number of votes rejected at the count, per constituency is available on our website:
<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/mgElectionElectionAreaResults.aspx?EID=13&RPID=8548301>
- (b) If you are referring to the number of postal votes rejected because the elector either (i) did not return the postal vote with the postal voting statement completed, or (ii) the date of birth and/or signature on the postal voting statement did not match our existing records – the number of votes rejected due to these reasons are set out below:

Coventry North East – 191
Coventry North West – 133
Coventry South – 185

4. What was the result of the postal vote by party? If easier, just including the top 3 parties is fine.

This information is not held as detailed in 3 (a) above.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

Electoral Services Manager